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GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Wichita, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that fourteen individuals were indicted on Thursday, July 29, 2004, by a federal grand jury in Wichita, Kansas. Those indicted include:

- **Bruce Sears, 31**, Wichita, Kansas, in custody, is charged with one count of robbing the McDonalds Restaurant, 2615 W. 13th, Wichita, of approximately \$1,200 in cash, one count of brandishing a pistol during the robbery, and one count of being a felon in possession of a pistol, all on May 31, 2004. Sears is also charged with one count of robbing the Red Lobster Restaurant, 555 S. West Street, Wichita, of approximately \$1,400 in cash, one count of brandishing a pistol during the robbery, and one count of being a felon in possession of a pistol, all on July 4, 2004. Sears is also charged with one count of being a felon in possession of a pistol on July 16, 2004.

If convicted, Sears faces maximum of twenty years in federal prison, without parole, for each count of robbery; a minimum of seven years for each count of brandishing a firearm during a robbery; and a maximum of ten years for each count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. The case was investigated by the Wichita Police Department.

- **Bryce B. Dawson, 22**, Clearwater, Kansas, is charged with one count of stealing approximately \$36,902 in cash deposits from Intrust Bank of Wichita, while an employee of the bank, from July 1, 2002, through September 30, 2002, in Wichita, Kansas.

If convicted, Dawson faces a maximum of thirty years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the FBI.

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- **Christopher D. Henderson**, 23, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is charged with one count of travel in interstate commerce from Oklahoma to Wichita, Kansas, to engage in sexual activity with a girl, whom he believed to be thirteen years of age, on July 1, 2004; and one count of forfeiture of the computer and related equipment used in the commission of this crime.

If convicted, Henderson faces a maximum of thirty years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the FBI and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lanny Welch.

- **George Albert Hansen**, 38, Newton, Kansas, is charged with one count of executing a “check kiting” scheme to defraud the First Bank of Newton, Newton, Kansas, and the Sunflower Bank, Wichita, Kansas, resulting in a loss of approximately \$17,100 to the First Bank of Newton and a loss of approximately \$4,604.50 to Sunflower Bank between December 24, 2003, and December 26, 2003. Hansen is also charged with one count of unlawful use of a social security number that was not assigned to him in September 2002.

If convicted, Hansen faces a maximum of thirty years in federal prison, without parole, for executing a scheme to defraud a bank and a maximum of five years for the unlawful use of a social security number. The case was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service and the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

- **Manuel Castillo-Nava**, 20, Mexico, currently in custody, is charged with one count of unlawful use of a resident alien card and a social security card, that were unlawfully obtained, on July 13, 2004; and one count of unlawful use of a social security number that was not assigned to him on February 24, 2004, all in Sedgwick County, Kansas.

If convicted, Castillo-Nava faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison, without parole, for unlawful use of identification documents and a maximum of five years for unlawful use of a social security number. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Custom Enforcement and the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

- **Jason D. Parkman**, 26, and **Kevin M. Flowers**, both of Wichita, Kansas, are each charged with one count of making in excess of \$30,000 in counterfeit \$50 and \$20 bills and one count of possessing in excess of \$30,000 in counterfeit \$50 and \$20 bills, both on July 16, 2004. Parkman and Flowers are also charged with one count of forfeiture of the computer and related equipment used to make the counterfeit bills. Parkman is also charged with one count of possessing a sawed-off shotgun on July 16, 2004.

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If convicted, each face a maximum of twenty years in federal prison, without parole, for making counterfeit bills and a maximum of five years for possessing counterfeit bills. Parkman also faces a maximum of five years for possessing a sawed-off shotgun. The case was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger.

- **Joshua Dale Page**, 28, Dodge City, Kansas, is charged with seventeen counts of possession of a firearm after having been convicted of a crime of domestic violence between January 6, 2004, and June 17, 2004; seventeen counts of being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm between January 6, 2004, and June 17, 2004; one count of possession with the intent to distribute approximately 22.19 grams (approximately .78 ounce) of methamphetamine on January 22, 2004; one count of possession of a sawed-off shotgun on January 23, 2004; one count of brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime on June 17, 2004; one count of possession with the intent to distribute less than 50 grams (less than 1.76 ounces) of methamphetamine on June 17, 2004; and one count of possession of marijuana on June 17, 2004, all in Ford County, Kansas.

If convicted, Page faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison, without parole, on each count of gun possession, a maximum of forty years on each count of possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, a maximum of ten years for possessing a sawed-off shotgun, a maximum of ten years for brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and a maximum of one year for possessing marijuana. The case was investigated by the Ford County Sheriff's Office, the Dodge City Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Matt Treaster.

- **Jerome L. Baker**, 25, Liberal, Kansas, is charged with three counts of possession with the intent to distribute more than five grams (more than .17 ounce) of crack cocaine from April 18, 2004, through June 21, 2004; and two counts of possession with the intent to distribute marijuana on April 18, 2004, and June 21, 2004, all in Seward County, Kansas.

If convicted, Baker faces a minimum of five years and a maximum of forty years in federal prison, without parole, on each count of possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine and a maximum of five years on each count of possession with the intent to distribute marijuana. The case was investigated by the Morton County Sheriff's Office, the Liberal Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lanny Welch.

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- **Isidoro Campos-Hernandez**, 25, and **Mario Robles-Munoz**, 37, both of Paso Robles, California, are each charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute approximately five pounds of cocaine; one count of possession with the intent to distribute approximately 2.4 pounds of marijuana; and one count of travel in interstate commerce to promote an unlawful activity, all on June 12, 2004, in Thomas County, Kansas. Robles-Munoz is also charged with one count of illegal re-entry into the United States after having been deported following a conviction for an aggravated felony. Campos-Hernandez is also charged with one count of illegal entry into the United States from Mexico.

If convicted, each face a minimum of five years and a maximum of forty years in federal prison, without parole, for possession with the intent to distribute cocaine; a maximum of five years for possession with the intent to distribute marijuana; and a maximum of five years for travel in interstate commerce to promote an unlawful activity. Robles-Munoz also faces a maximum of twenty years for illegal re-entry after having been deported. Campos-Hernandez also faces a maximum of ten years for illegal entry into the United States. The case was investigated by the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mona Furst.

- **Jose Ontiveros**, 41, Tucson, Arizona, is charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute approximately ten pounds of methamphetamine on July 16, 2004, in Thomas County, Kansas.

If convicted, Ontiveros faces a minimum of ten years and a maximum of life in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

- **Miguel Angel Alvarez-Solorio**, 27, Beaverton, Oregon, is charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute approximately 1.8 kilograms (approximately 3.96 pounds) of methamphetamine; and one count of illegal re-entry into the United States after having previously been deported, both on July 16, 2004, in Thomas County, Kansas.

If convicted, Alvarez-Solorio faces a minimum of ten years and a maximum of life in federal prison, without parole for possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine and a maximum of ten years for illegal re-entry into the United States. The case was investigated by the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

- **Leotis DeWayne Carter**, 36, Independence, Kansas, currently in custody, is charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more (1.76 ounces or more) of crack cocaine on May 7, 2004, in Montgomery County, Kansas.

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If convicted, Carter faces a minimum of ten years and a maximum of life in federal

prison without parole. The case was investigated by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Indictments filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.